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Sports Promotion
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of an urgent need to give importance to various sports disciplines along with cricket;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to encourage and promote various games and sports including Kabbadi and Badminton on the lines of Cricket in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) to (c) Madam, promotion and development of various disciplines of sports in the country is the responsibility of the National Sports Federations (NSFs). The Ministry only supplements their efforts to encourage and promote various sports disciplines by providing financial assistance under the Scheme of "Assistance to National Sports Federations" in accordance with the prescribed norms for organizing National/International Championships in India, participation of national team/players in the International tournaments abroad, organizing coaching camps for national athletes, engagement of foreign coaches, equipment sport etc. During the recent past, Govt. has taken several steps to encourage promotion of various sports including Kabaddi and Badminton. The steps taken, inter-alia, include enhancement of amount under various components of the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, addition of new components for scientific support to the athletes, review and revision of the category of sports disciplines for enhanced financial assistance, creation of a separate category of Regional Sports Federation for promoting indigenous sports, provision of financial assistance to traditional sports events and tournaments etc.
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